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1. CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR GAVE RECEPTION FOR DIPLOMATIC CORPS ON JANUARY 9. IN THE ADDRESS, HE EMPHASIZED THAT THE POSITION OF HONDURAS IN THE DISPUTE WITH EL SALVADOR IS TO REACH A JUST PEACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY MEANS OF A "GLOBAL, SIMULTANEOUS AND DEFINITIVE" SETTLEMENT OF THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. HE SAID THAT NO DISPUTE IS INSOLUBLE IF THERE IS A GENUINE DESIRE FOR PEACE.

2. THE AMBASSADOR HAD A THREE HOUR LUNCHEON WITH FONMIN PERDOMO ON JANUARY 3. PERDOMO EMPHASIZED THAT HE WANTS TO HAVE CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE EMBASSY. HE REMARKED THAT HE INTENDS TO RESTRUCTURE THE FORENGN MINISTRY TO MAKE IT MORE EFFICIENT AND MORE RESPONSIVE TO QUERIES AND REQUESTS. PERDOMO SAID THAT THERE WILL BE MEETINGS OF THE CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS, MELGAR AND PRESIDENT MOLINA AND THE
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TWO FONMINS OF HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR DURING JANUARY.

HE REMARKED THAT THE DATES FOR THE MEETINGS HAD NOT YET BEEN SET.

3. HE SAID THAT MELGAR'S SPEECH HAD BEEN WRITTEN BY POLICARPO CALLEJAS, A SENIOR ADVISER IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. PERDOMO SAID THAT THE KEY WORD WAS "DEFINITIVE" BECAUSE IT INDICATED THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO REACH A FINAL AGREEMENT. HE COMMENTED THAT HE WAS OPTIMISTIC THAT AN AGREEMENT WITH EL SALVADOR COULD BE CONCLUDED THIS YEAR.
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